



OFBCI News

Where service and volunteerism happen!

Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

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We hope you enjoy this special edition of the OFBCI News, devoted to celebrating service with special recognition for extraordinary people in your community.

2012 Governor's Service Awards: nominate an individual, community, company

2012 Awards Ceremony:

- Where: Governor's Residence in Indianapolis
- When: evening of October 1, 2012



Pictured above: 2011 Governor's Service Award Winners and members of the Indiana Commission on Community Service and Volunteerism ([ICCSV](#))

Think you know everything there is to know about the [Governor's Service Awards](#)? Here are some quick facts that may be news to you:

Quick Links:

[Indiana OFBCI](#)
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Community events:

- Jun. 1 - [Deadline to apply for IDHS' Operation Safeguard](#)
- Jun. 7 - [Nomination Deadline: Community Service Awards \(Indianapolis\)](#)
- Jun. 9 - [Walking for Dreams local nonprofit benefit](#)
- Jun. 13 - [Afterschool Network College & Career Readiness Forum](#)
- Jun. 21 - [Indiana Commission on Community Service & Volunteerism meeting](#)
- Jun. 24 - [MLJ Adoptions Annual Picnic \(free\)](#)

- The awards are open to Hoosiers of all ages and to those who serve independently or through both faith-based and community-based organizations.
- The awards are open to Hoosiers from all 92 Counties. In 2011, awardees represented Knox, Lake, Marion, Porter, and St. Joseph counties.
- Nominees are chosen by a panel of reviewers who select finalists based on the merit of their nomination.
- The recipients will receive an engraved award and an opportunity to address attendees of the award reception.

There are eight (8) service award categories, so please read below and think of exemplary Hoosiers you know.

- Corporate Service
- Faith-Based Volunteer
- Exemplary Service Learning
- Youth Volunteer
- Lifetime Achievement Volunteer
- Volunteerism
- National Service Member

[Learn more about the Governor's Service Awards](#)

[Download the nomination form](#)

The deadline to nominate someone is July 27th, 2012.

Corporate Volunteer

As our [executive director has previously opined](#), corporate volunteerism is alive and well in Indiana and it is our duty to lift it up. Whether it is a multinational corporation offering thousands of employees up for a day of service projects, or a small business adopting a park or roadway, corporations are made up of people like you and me and it is the OFBCI's hope that we recognize businesses that enable service and volunteerism.

2011 award recipient:

Not applicable

Award criteria:

Any business with a significant presence in Indiana that has made a substantial positive impact in Hoosier communities through contributions of time and talent is eligible for this award. The nomination must demonstrate an ongoing community or statewide impact through corporate volunteerism and/or philanthropy.

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Our Programs:



Faith-Based Volunteer

Many Hoosiers credit their belief in something bigger than themselves when it comes to their ethic for service and volunteerism. If you know a Hoosier who serves through his or her faith institution, you can nominate him or her for this award.

2011 award recipient:

Pastor Mario Bustos
(Valparaiso)



Award criteria:

Any individual whose service is provided at an organization that self-identifies as faith-based, including, but not limited to, places of worship and other faith-based social service providers is eligible for this award.

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Exemplary Service-Learning

Reaching beyond Notre Dame's campus, the 2011 Governor's Service Award Winner for Service Learning incorporated outreach and after school mentoring into the curriculum for the Spanish class she teaches.

This service-learning component not only creates a lasting impact for those who benefit in the community, but it also creates a valuable opportunity for kinesthetic and experiential learning.



News that is useful to you:

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As a hybrid of education and service, the OFBCI is proud to offer the Exemplary Service-Learning Award for leaders who make positive impact in these two very important areas.

2011 award recipient:

Professor Marisel Moreno
(South Bend)

Award criteria:

Any group (or class), regardless of the age of the individuals participating in the service-learning activities are eligible for this award. Service-learning refers to a teaching and learning strategy that integrates meaningful community service with instruction and reflection to enrich the learning experience, teach civic responsibility, and strengthen communities.

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Youth Volunteer

Though it has become cliché to say that "the children are our future," it is selflessness and service among youth that paints a brighter future in Indiana. Youth volunteers show their dedication to improving the community and show a caring nature beyond their years.

2011 award recipient:

Nicholas Tannenbaum (Indianapolis)

Award criteria:

Any individual who is under that age of 18 at the time of the award presentation (October 1, 2012) is eligible for this award. Individuals who serve primarily in a faith-based organization could be considered in this category or the faith-based category, but not both.

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Lifetime Achievement Volunteer

Oftentimes recognized by their extensive commitment to a cause over many years, or, sometimes by their growing involvement among many groups devoted to serving the community, Lifetime Achievement volunteers possess wisdom and experience that are invaluable to any organization.

2011 award recipient:

Georgiann Leonard (Vincennes)

Award criteria:

Any individual who has exhibited a lifetime commitment to service in their communities, primarily in Indiana, is eligible for this award. While there is no minimum age or years of service requirement, most nominees have contributed a minimum of 25 years of service to their community through volunteer positions. This should not include employment in a public service position.

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National Service Member

Did you know that there are more than **705 AmeriCorps** members enrolled in **17 AmeriCorps programs** operating at more than **300 nonprofit organizations** in approximately **45 counties** across Indiana? This doesn't even account for the many more who are serving in Indiana through the National Corporation for Community Service. Each one of them is making an extraordinary difference by working within local nonprofits, for a nominal stipend, and this is your chance to recognize an amazing member you know.

**2011 award recipient:**

Cathy Lenoir (South Bend)

(pictured with ICCSV Commissioner Jay Hein)

Award criteria:

Any National Service member serving in a position supported by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) at the time of nomination is eligible for this award. This includes AmeriCorps, AmeriCorps VISTA, Senior Corps and Learn and Serve America participants. This award is not intended for supervisors/directors of National Service members/programs.

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Community of Service

We are best equipped to meet a community need when we join arms and work together. Collaboration, which happens to be a major theme with the 2012 Governor's Conference, is key and this is the spirit of the award for a "Community of Service."

2011 award recipient:

Indiana University School of Nursing (Indianapolis)

Award criteria:

Cities, towns, townships or other identified communities in Indiana are eligible for this award which recognizes outstanding Hoosier communities mobilizing volunteers to meet its most pressing needs.

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Volunteerism

Among the many volunteers and community servants who you may know, they may fit a number of categories, or they may be hard to categorize, so this category is for that volunteer who still deserves to be recognized.

And, if they're anything like the 2011 recipient of this award, they may even have some exceptional stories and inspirational accounts as to what inspires them to serve.

2011 award recipient:

Tavetta Patterson (Gary)



(VIDEO) Tavetta Patterson talks about her experience in service and volunteerism (click the image above or [click here](#))

Award criteria:

Any individual 18 years or over at the time of the award presentation (October 1, 2012) is eligible for this award. Individuals who serve primarily in a faith-based organization could be considered in this category or the faith-based category, but not both.

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